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Santa Ana LULAC Council #147

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Orange County LULAC District #1

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Municipal Water District of Orange County
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, California

Dear Water District Directors,

California LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) supports the development of Poseidon's proposed desalination facility in Huntington Beach. Access to clean and affordable water is critical for all people who live in the region, including Orange County's estimated one-million Hispanic residents. Given the on-going drought and our dependence on imported water it's time for all residents to come together and support all new local drought proof water supplies including desalination.

We have all read today's news article --- "California's Snowpack Not Measuring Up" --- and there is no need to provide you with information culled from this article. It is well know that we are at 83% of normal.

Orange County is at least 50% dependent on imported water from two increasingly unreliable sources. The Sierra Snowpack is at a 500 year low and the Colorado River is at its lowest deliveries in history.

As much as most folks are concerned about the big earthquake yet to come; there is also a prediction of a "mega-drought" in the region, including Orange County. And we also know that we are not at "zero population" ... folks will grow by 300,000 by 2020, and will reach 50 million by 2049.

~ The Poseidon project can provide a "drought-proof" of 50 million gallons per day water for Orange County at a cost of less than a penny per gallon.

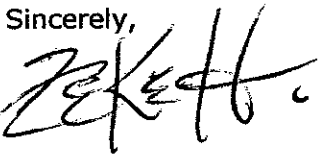
~ Today, the cost of imported water has gone up at more than 6% a year; even OCWD has calculated that imported water would be more expensive than desalinated water.

~ On top of this, the project will be able to supply increasing jobs for our OC residents.

LULAC is the oldest Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States representing more than 200,000 members nationally across 1,200 councils. LULAC is a member of OC WISE.

Thank You.

Sincerely,



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